

Once upon a time there was a little old woman and a little old man. The little old woman thought she'd make a gingerbread man. She rolled out the dough, and cut out the shape, and she put raisins for his eyes, and peppermints for his teeth, and put icing on his head for the hair. Then she put him in the oven, and when it

smelled good, she opened up the door to take a peek and -

--- Yooop!---

-out jumped the gingerbread man.

Stop! Stop, little gingerbread man!
said the little old lady. I want to eat you!

No! said the little gingerbread man.
I can run away from you! Run, run,

fast as you can! Can't catch me, I'm
the gingerbread man!
-and away he ran!

He ran till he got outside, where he
saw the little old man. And the little
old man said Stop! Stop little
gingerbread man! I want to eat you!

And the little gingerbread man
said NO! I ran away from the little

old woman, and I can run away from
you too! Run, run, fast as you can!
Can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread
man!

- and away he ran!

He ran till he came to the pigsty.
And the pig said Oink Oink! Stop!
Stop, little gingerbread man! I want

to eat you!

But the gingerbread man said

NO! I ran away from the little old woman, I ran away from the little old man, and I can run away from you too! Run, run, fast as you can! Can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man! -and away he ran!

He ran till he came to a house. And in front of the house was a dog. And the dog said STOP! Stop stop stop stop stoooooooooooooop! Little gingerbread man! I want to eat you!

But the gingerbread man said NO! I ran away from the little old woman, and the little old man, and a pig, and I can run away from you too! Run,

run, fast as you can! Can't catch me,
I'm the gingerbread man!
-and away he ran!

He ran till he came to a field full of
cows. And the cows said Moooooo!
Stoooooooooop! Stoooooooooop little
gingerbread man. We want to eat
you!

But the gingerbread man said

NO! I ran away from the little old woman, I ran away from the little old man, and a pig, and a dog, and I can run away from you too! Run, run, fast as you can! Can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!
-and away he ran!

He ran till he came to a river. And next to the river was a fox. The fox

said Hello little gingerbread man

The gingerbread man said

HELLO! I ran away from the little
old woman, I ran away from the little
old man, and a pig, and some cows,
and I can run away from you too!
Run, run, fast as you can! Can't catch
me, I'm the gingerbread man!

But said the fox I never run. And I don't want to eat you!

The gingerbread man said Run, run, fast as you can! Can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!

The fox said Run all you want, I'm not going to chase you. **But--** I would like to ask you a question

The gingerbread man said What

The fox said How do you figure you're going to get across that stream without getting wet? I mean, if you get wet, you'll get soggy, right

The gingerbread man didn't say anything, but he looked very thoughtful.

The fox said I've got an idea

The gingerbread man said

What

The fox said I'm going to swim across, right now. If you want, you can hitch a ride on my tail

The gingerbread man said OK and grabbed the fox's tail. The fox started to wade into the water.

After a few steps, the fox said

Oh, little gingerbread man. The water is getting kind of deep. I'm afraid you might get wet. Why don't you climb up onto my back

The gingerbread man looked, and said Gee, the water is getting kind of deep, ok and he climbed up onto the fox's back.

After a few more steps, the fox

said Oh, little gingerbread man, the water is getting even deeper, I'm afraid you might get wet. Why don't you climb up onto my neck

The gingerbread man looked, and said Gee the water is getting kind of deep, ok and he climbed up onto the fox's neck.

After a few more steps, the fox said Oh, little gingerbread man, the water is getting even deeper, I'm afraid you might get wet. Why don't you climb up onto my head

The gingerbread man looked, and said Gee the water is getting kind of deep, ok and he climbed up onto the fox's head.

After a few more steps, the fox said Oh, little gingerbread man, the water is getting even deeper, I'm afraid you might get wet. Why don't you climb up onto my nose

The gingerbread man looked, and said Gee the water is getting kind of deep, ok and he climbed up onto the

fox's nose.

And the fox went-- SHLLLURP!--
and that was the end of the
gingerbread man.